Pittsburghers Alive to Importance of River Improvement.

ARRANGING THE COMING VISIT

Of the House Rivers and Harbors Commitee to Wheeling and Pittsburgh-The Unexpected Rise in the Ohio-A Small Shipment of Coal being Made from Pitts-

burgh-Hudson's Fast Trip up the River

Other River News.

Yesterday morning Congressman Dovener and Chairman Hart, of the Wheeling chamber of commerce committee on river improvement, went to Pittsburgh for the purpose of confer-ring with the Pittsburgh river people relative to the visit of the congressional relative to the visit of the congressional committee on rivers and harbors to the upper Ohlo this spring, when the river will be inspected from the palatial packet Virginia, of the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati line, from Pittsburgh to Wheeling, and possibly on to Parkers.

burg.
They talked with Captain James A. Henderson, Captain Dravo and other gentlemen representing the coal exchange and chamber of commerce, and found the entire river interests thoroughly aroused to the importance of the visit of the committee in its bearing on government improvement of the river. It was not thought advisable to fix the date of the visit at this early day. This matter will be attended to in a few weeks and the river people will be given ample notice.

The present rise in the river came rather unexpectedly. None of the river people were looking for the highest water of the year at this time. Last night's report from Pittaburgh showed 12.7 feet and still rising. With the expected 14 or 16 feet at Pittsburgh there should be 18 to 22 feet at Wheeling. On account of the recent run of coal, there is very little coal ready to go out on the present rise. Up to noon yesterday only two boats had left Pittsburgh, as follows: Dick Putten with twelve pieces and the Enterprise with eight pieces. More coal will go out to-day and to-morrow, the total shipment reaching perhaps 4,000,000 bushels.



YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. keraburg DEN HUR, 5 p. m. ington....LEWEL, 3:35 p. m. sburgh...HUDSON, 7 p. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Cincinnati... KEYSTONE STATE, 8 Pitisburgh... H. K. BEDFORD, 8 a. Parkersburg LHERTY, 11 a. m. Matamoras.. LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Clarington... JEWEL, 239 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.
Charleston...RUTH, 6 a. m.
Pittaburgh...BEN HUR, 8. p. m.
Clarington...JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.

The Ben Hur got in from Pittsburgh at 4 p. m. and got away for Parkers-burg an hour later after having added heavily in freight.

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The Lexington got in last night from Matamoras with a good trip, and the Liberty arrived later with lots of freigh and passengers. Both leave this morning for lower ports at the same hour, 11 o'clock.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 12 feet 6 inches and rising, a rise of 4 feet 4

nehes and rising, a rise of 4 feet 4 inches in twenty-four hours. The weather bureau people predict 12 to 14 eet at Pittsburgh to-day, which would make the top-notch of the rise here at east 16 feet and probably more.

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The officers of the Virginia, taking her recent performances into consideration, express the opinion that the new boat will be the fastest on the upper Ohio. Up to date her compound machinery has not been given a severe test, but it has worked without a hitch and it is believed will send the boat up the river faster than anything yet seen here. The Hudson is making one of the

The Hudson is making one of the fastest trips up the river made in several years. She left the Queen City on Saturday evening at 5 o'clock and arrived here last evening at 7 o'clock, making the run of 377 miles in 50 hours, including all the stops en route. She was not due here until this morning at 7 o'clock. The old Katle Stockdale once made the same run in 52 hours.

lorgantown—River 11 feet 3 inches trising; a rise of 3 feet to-day

and rising; a rise of 3 feet to-day, Raining.
Oil City—River 5 feet 6 inches and stationary, Cloudy and mild. Light rain commenced last night and continued to fall until 5 p. m. to-day.
Warren—River 22 inches. Light rain and snow.

snow. reensboro—Rive 12 feet 2 inches and ng. Rainfall 20. Cloudy.

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Pittsburgh—River 12.1 feet and rising at the dam. Weather raining.

Steubenville—River 14 feet 6 Inches and rising. Cloudy and cool. Down—

and rising. Cloudy and cool. Down-Ben Hur, H. K. Bedford and Keystone State.

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Guy Brothers' minstrels opened a three sights' engagement at the Grand hast night to an audience which crowded the theatre, and judging from the laughter and appliance the performance gave the best satisfaction. The first part in which numerous ballads and comic songs are rendered is interspersed by Jokes from four funny end men. The songs are generally new and nicely sung. The drum major act of Fred Smith is an artistic feature of this portion of the performance. The olio introduces a number of taking specialties. The performance concludes with a funny afterpiece entitled "Uncle Pete's Birthday," in which the entire company Joins in the merry making. The Guy Brothers' show will be given again to-night, to-morrow afternoon and evening.

James B. Mackle.

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The attraction at the Grand commencing Thursday evening for three nights and Saturday matinee, will be the popular young comedian, James B. Mackle, and a most excellent company of singers and dancers, in that very funny farce-comedy, "Grimes's Cellar Door."

James B. Mackle will be favorably remembered for his clever work as "Grimesey, Me Boy," in the original company, "A Bunch of Keys," which part he played successfully for four seasons. His present work as "Billy Grimes," in the musical comedy, "Grimes's Cellar Door," is said to be far the best he has ever done and firmly establishes him as an original comedian of many accomplishments.

Hi Henry's Minstrels.

Hi Henry's Minstrels, which are to appear at the Opera House Saturday afternoon and night, the Richmond Dispatch says:

A lengthy and well-diversified bill was presented by the Hi Henry Minstrels at the Academy last night. The performance is thoraulhy clean and refined.

Mr. Henry, with his old cornet, supported by his foll band with beautiful double-belled instruments, was a feature of the evening's entertainment.

Seats for "Dr. Syntax."

De Wolf Hopper will be seen in his latest and greatest of all comic opera successes, entitled "Dr. Syntax," in

this city for the first time Thursday evening at the Opera House.

The favorite comedian will be supported by a most excellent company, which includes his charming young wife, Edna Wallace-Hoppere; Bertha Waltsinger, a delightful singer and elever actress; Alice Hosmer, a capital impersonator of eccentric character, as well as Ida Lester, Edmund Stanley, Alfred Klein, T. S. Guise, John Parr, H. P. Stone and many others equally well known. Sprightly, tuneful "Dr. Syntax" will be presented here with its wealth of magnificent stags settings, brillant costumes and novel mechanical effects. Reserved seats for the engagement will be placed on sale this morning at C. A. House's music store.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

The Grand this evening—Guy Brothers' Minstrels.

ers' Minstrels.

Mills Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 at the
Astna-Standard were off yesterday.

On and after February 3 the jewelry
stores will close at 6 p. m., Saturdays
sycentrals

The Riverside tube works started up again yesterday, after having been idle since Christmas.

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St. Andrew's P. E. church, on the South Side, will give a benefit entertainment on the 10th of this month, which promises to be very attractive.

The Duquesne club has made arrangements to give its first grand/ball at the Beabout hall Tuesday evening. February 11. The admission is only 25 cents.

Last night the new council at Elm Grove organized. Jerry Westlake was elected town sergeant, B. M. Ryan as-sessor and Marsh Butler street com-missioner.

Last evening the "Louis Hundts" gave a very enjoyable private dance at the Central Garden club's hall. Killmeyer furnished the music and the affair was a very gratifying success.

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Harry J. Fink & Bro. sold the G. A. Beuter property on Chapline street to John Frank Rehm; consideration \$3,000; also lots number 8 and 9 in John Mc-Lure's addition to the city of Wheeling.

In the circuit court yesterday the only order was one committing to George E. Boyd the case of George E. Kurner vs. Ross T. Chew, with instructions to report on or before February 12.

Zane lodge, Shield of Honor, will celebrate its anniversary at Odd Fellows' hall next Friday evening. A very attractive entertainment will be given, and no doubt the attendance will be large.

At Wesley M. E. church this evening Rev. William Wirt King, D. D., of St. Louis, well known here and in this vi-cinity, will deliver his popular lecture, "Mrs.-Grundy." Of course he will have a large audience.

Three of the sheet mills at the Whita-

Three of the sheet mills at the Whitaker works will resume to-day after a
long rest. The sanitary department of
the Wheeling pottery went on yesterday. The industrial situation is more
favorable than for a long time past.

Last evening Albert Auber was before Squire Gillespie on a charge of
embezzling \$2 from L. Little. He was
given the money, it is claimed, to go
and buy beer, and kept it. He gave
bond in \$100 for his appearance at 10
a. m. on Friday for a hearing.

The Steubenyille Star has the follow-

a. m. on Friday for a hearing.
The Steubenville Star has the following item of special interest here: Prof. J. A. Raynes and wife, nee Martha Beazell, formerly of this city, are members of the "Avenue Theatre" Company, at Pittaburgh Prof. Raynes is planist and Mrs. Raynes is a member of the stock company under the stage name of Marta Raynesford.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Folks Abroad.

Constable Dominick Morris returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he had been on business for a week. He reports that Henry Brunhaus purchased a fine restaurant and European hotel on Seventh street, N. W., in Washington, just across from the interior department. Mr. Brunhaus expects to have the place in good shape by gebruary 20.

J. W. Stevens, jr., and O. P. Norris, of Barnesville, autographed at the Mo-

A. Culbertson and C. P. Dorr, of defield, were Wheeling visitors yes-

H. K. Burrows, a Pennsylvania Lines official, was here from Pittsburgh yes-G. B. Stocking and Mrs. Stocking, his nother, of Steubenville, are guesta at

the McLure. L. V. Blond, the Main street business man, left yesterday afternoon for New York'to buy his spring goods.

Mr. A. W. Neff, the fire insurance adjuster, is in Wheeling after a business visit in the lower end of the state.

President C. W. Fransheim, of the Wheeling Pottery Company, was among yesterday's departures for the

Mr. Augustus Bruning, of Hunting-ton is in the city. He intends opening a shee store on Market street, prob-ably in the Peabody building.

Mr. J. F. Partridge of Parkersburg, superintendent; G. W. C. Day, of Pitts-burgh, car inspector, fand W. A. Dinker, of Pittsburgh, were a party of Balti-more & Ohio officials here on a visit of more & Ohio officials inspection yesterday.

State Supreme Court, Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer

supreme court of appeals met this morning and handed down the follow-

State vs. Musgrave, from Monongalia county, argument concluded and case concluded; Selm vs. O'Grady, from Kanawha county, submitted by consent; Fisher vs. Fauble, from Marshall county, dismissed for fallure to print; Work, Dolan and Hansford vs. town of Sistersville, on petitions for writs of prohibition, were argued and submitted. The last named case is a conflict concerning the extension of saloons in the town of Sistersville and is a fight for local option. State vs. Musgrave, from Monongalla

Wreck on Norfolk & Western.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer, HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 3.— Early this morning a south bound freight on the Norfolk & Western rail-road, ran into a slide near Duniaw and was derailed. The engine and several cars were derailed and Engineer Calla-han is probably fatally injured. Fire-man Sedin and others of the crew are seriously hurt, but all will recover.

Charged with Forgery. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer

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HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 3.—C.
H. Duval, general manager of the West Virginia female collegiate institute, was to-day arrested charged with for-gery. He claimed the board of direc-tors authorized him to sign their names to an order for provisions for the col-lege. This they denied and the arrest followed. Hg was bound over under a heavy bond to answer to an indictment.

Mail Contract.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The contract for carrying the United States mail from Wood to Leander has been awarded to S. G. Proffett, of Floyd, Virginia.

New Postmaster. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—J. W. Kidd has been appointed postmaster at Burnsville, Braxton county, vice L. L. McKinney, resigned.

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STATE SCHOOL BOOK BOARD.

It will Meet in this City Next Saturday to

Organize for Businese. sor Crago, who is one of the members of the state school board com-

Professor Crago, who is one of the members of the state school board commission appointed by the governor, under the provisions of the school book bill passed at the last session of the legislature, yesterday received a telegram from ex-Governor Fleming, the chairman of the beard, informing him that the first meeting would be held in this city next Saturday. Prof. Crago stated that he thought the purpose of the meeting was simply to organize and get in readiness for the work before the board, the members of which are ex-Governor A. B. Fleming, of Fairmont, Prof. Thomas Hodges, of Huntington, and himself.

It will be remembered that the school book bill passed last year designated the text books to be used in the public schools of the state for the next five years and fixed the prices to be pold for them. The bill provided that if any firm whose books were adopted should decline the terms of the act the governor should appoint a commission to make new contracts at prices not to exceed the prices named in the law. The American Book Company, whose arithmetics, spellers and readers were adopted by the act, having refused to contract the prices and on the terms named therein, the governor/appointed the commission above named.

As the contracts do not take effect until next July, the commission has ample time to make the selections. It is not known whether all the sessions will be held in Wheeling, the present meeting being called here, it is understood, owing to the finallity of Prof. Crago, who is just recovering from a severe atack of illness, to go to Charleston, where the meeting was first called.

SISTERSVILLE OIL NEWS.

The Paova Company's Well Said to be Doing 375 Barrels-Other Wells.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligences.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 3.—

McGuire & Company's well on Middle Island is reported to be making thirty

Island is reported to be making thirty barrels a day.

On account of the heavy gas pressure, Nichol's well on the Haught farm has been shut flown. The boller will be moved back and as soon as the pressure will permit, it will be drilled deeper. This well is shree-quanters of a mile ahead of developments and has been closely watched.

The Paova Oil Company's well on the White farm has been drilled deeper and is now reported to be making 275 barrels a doy.

G. C. Leslie and H. L. Snyder, of th

Wheeling Natural Gas Company, Steve Cummings and H. M. Reigle, of the Venture Oil Company, stopped at the Stamm House over night, on their way to Cameron. W. Va., where they friend to make the attempt to-day to shut in the big gasser on the L. L. Howard farm, belonging to the Wheeling Nat-ural Gas Company.

Piano Firm Falls.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—William E. Wheelock & Company, plane manufacturers, made an assignment to-day for he benefit of creditors to Henry

the benefit of creditors to Henry W. Beebe. Wheelock & Company have had close relations with the Weber Plano Company and the recent application for a receiver for the latter concern made to-day's action by Wheelock & Company advisable.

The liabilities of Wheelock & Company are \$255,000, assets not stated. The capital stock of the company is \$70,000. At the same time a motion was also made for the appointment of a temporary receiver for the Stuyvesant Plano Company on behalf of William Wheelock, Robect F. Tilney, Socrates Hubbard and Robert P. Vidaud.

Historic Church Burned.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.-The historic first Unitarian church on "Meeting House Hill," Dorchester, a familiar landmark and the oldest church in the district and the oldest church in the district, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, but this amount is covered by insurance. The most valuable appurcenances of the church which were kept in the vestry at the rear, were saved. Four firmen were injured by a falling wall on the east side, which completely enveloped them, but they were rescued by their comrades.



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